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SUBJECT: GOE NOTIFICATION TO US THAT IT IS ORDERING

- ISRAELI COMMUNICATIONS MISSION TO LEAVE

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- 1. WHEN FONMIN KAMEL TELEPHONED LATE THIS AFTERNOON ABOUT SADAT LETTER TO PRESIDENT CARTER (SEPTEL), I ASKED IF IT WERE TRUE THAT EGYPTIANS ARE ORDERING ISRAELI MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS MISSION (IN GIANACILS) TO LEAVE TOMORROW AND RETURN TO ISRAEL. KAMEL WAS CLEARLY SURPRISED THAT I KNEW ABOUT THIS AND HEDGED IN HIS ANSWER. HE SAID SADAT WAS CONSIDERING THE MATTER. I EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW TO KAMEL THAT ANY SUCH ACTION WOULD BE A MISTAKE. KAMEL SAID HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO AIRPORT AND THAT IT WAS A MATTER FOR SADAT TO DECIDE.
- 2. AT 2200 THIS EVENING GAMASY TELEPHONED ME FROM ALEXANDRIA. HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO INFORM US OFFICIALLY RPT OFFICIALLY THAT GOE HAS ASKED ISRAEL TO SECRET

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WITHDRAW THE ISRAELI MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS GROUP AT GIANACILS. THE MEMBERS OF THE GROUP WILL BE SENT BACK TO ISRAEL TOMORROW, JULY 27, ABOARD AN EGYPTIAN BOEING 737. GAMASY SAID THAT HE HAD INFORMED WEIZMAN OF THIS BEFOREHAND AND HAD RECEIVED AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT FROM WEIZMAN. I AGAIN EXPRESSED PERSONAL VIEW THAT THIS WAS A MISTAKE AND URGED HIM TO RECONSIDER. THERE WAS NOTHING LOST BY KEEPING THE

ISRAELI GROUP HERE. GAMASY'S SOLE ANSWER WAS THAT THE NSC HAD MADE THIS DECISION TODAY. HE IMPLIED THAT HE DID NOT AGREE WITH THE DECISION, BUT THAT HE HAD TO COMPLY.

3. I UNDERSTAND THAT SADAT WILL MENTION THE EXPULSION OF THE ISRAELI TEAM IN TOMORROW EVENING'S SPEECH TO THE NATION. EILTS

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